

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 are amended.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) does not add any additional claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 3 and 4.

Further to the Amendment filed August 19, 2005 and Request for Reconsideration filed December 30, 2005, Applicants again request that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document in the parent application. A certified copy of the priority document, French Patent Application No. 0102597 was filed in parent Application No. 10/080,548 on June 3, 2002. In order for the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the priority document as having been received in the parent Application (box 12), a), 2 of Form PTOL-326, Applicants again herein enclose a copy of the date-stamped receipt (that confirms that a priority document was filed on June 3, 2002 in the parent application) and a first page of the priority document (that confirms that a copy of the French Patent Application No. 0102597 was filed). It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document in the parent application.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Wooldridge et al. (Wooldridge), U.S. Patent No. 6,086,230. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Wooldridge fails to disclose a framing for a window with a support face between an inside edge and an outside edge of a framing for being covered by the window that is connected in a sealed manner to the outside edge, as recited in claim 1.

By this Amendment, Applicants clarify that the support face is covered by the window and not a periphery of the window. This Amendment was made in view of the comments on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action.

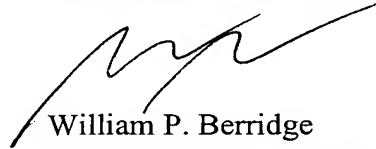
Page 3 of the Office Action labels Wooldridge's Fig. 7 and identifies a support face located between an inside edge and an outside edge. However, the identified window is located below the identified support face at the inside edge. Because the window is located at the inside edge (and below the identified frame), the window does not cover the support face and the window is not connected in a sealed manner to the outside edge. In other words, Wooldridge fails to disclose a support face covered by the window that is connected in a sealed manner to an outside edge, as recited in claim 1.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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